

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 2 (3635) January 11th, 2026

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - A



2026

January 25

Lithuanian food day

February 8

Pancakes day

February 18

Ash Wednesday

February 27 - March 1

Lenten Retreat

Fr. Mantas Mileris, SJ

March 8

St. Casimir Fair

March 28

Lenten Retreat for Women's

sister Igne

March 29

Parish Annual Meeting

April 2-5

Holy week

April 5

Easter

April 17-18

Spring Rummage Sale

April 26

First Communion

May - June

Confirmation

(date TBD)

June 6

Run for Hope

Camp Kretinga

July 5-18 (EN.)

July 19 - August 1 (LT.)

October 23-24

Fall Rummage Sale

November 7

Annual Dinner

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat

December 13

Christmas Music Evening

December 25

Christmas



In the first reading, the chosen servant (Jesus Christ) reveals a character of gentleness and encouragement bringing justice to all peoples. Part of Christ's mission on earth is to demonstrate God's righteousness and to be a light to all nations. The servant of the Lord shall bring justice to all. God calls us to be servants of his Son.

In the second reading, Peter reaffirms that "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit".

The Spirit of God comes upon Jesus as he is baptized by John in today's Gospel. Matthew's presentation of the baptism of Jesus is the announcement made by the voice from heaven, which says, "This is my beloved son . . ."

The baptisms that John performs prefigure Christian Baptism. John baptizes for repentance from sin. In accepting this baptism, Jesus unites himself with all sinners even though he is sinless. In Matthew's Gospel, John the Baptist distinguishes his practice of baptism from the Baptism that the Messiah brings: "I am baptizing you with water . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11).

Let us pray that we will always be faithful to our baptismal promises to be disciples of Jesus. Let us recommit ourselves to the promises made at Baptism.

This Sunday marks a transition from the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. In a way, today's feast is the high point of the Christmas season. Before Jesus' birth, angels announced to Mary and to Joseph who Jesus would be. At his birth, the shepherds and the Magi recognize Jesus as the Messiah. At his baptism, Jesus accepts that he is God's son and inaugurates that mission.

†R.R.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

- 9 a.m. †Pranas (30th anniv.) and Juzute (25th anniv.) Dovidaitis (daughters)
- 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners
- for peace in the world
- for Peseckas' deceased family members (O.Stoncius)
- †Kaitlyn Cepas (1st anniv.) (A.Cepas)
- †Aivaras Zabas (R.J.Balaisis)
- †Algis, Janina and Balys Vaisnoras (R.Oleka)
- †Aldona Skuchas (Irma)
- †Olga Jusinskas and Luis Jusinkas - Neves (V.Bijunas)
- asking for blessings and fruitful work for the Parish Council and all its sections

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Audra Rusinas, Zita Nausedas,
Ramona Kaminskas

11 AM - Audra Rusinas, Adriana Verbyla,
Rasa Siauciulis, Ramona Kaminskas,
Kassandra Kaminskas
organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Mass

MONDAY (January 12): 7 p.m. †Irena and
Henrikas Matusaitis (R.J.Balaisis);

TUESDAY (January 13): 7 p.m. for living
and deceased parishioners; for defenders
of Freedom; †Ramute Gumuliauskas (3rd
anniv.) (daughter);

WEDNESDAY (January 14): 7 p.m.;

THURSDAY (January 15): 7 p.m. request
grace of health for Ramute Janeliunas-
Tambis (E.Janeliunas);

FRIDAY (January 16): 7 p.m. request
grace of health for Elena, Terese,
Valentina (friend); request grace of
health and blessings of the Lord (NN);
†Liudas Krisciunas (wife Jean and
family);

SATURDAY (January 17): 9 a.m. request
grace of health and blessings of the Lord
for brother (GJ); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor"
†Antanas Malinauskas (E.Shishkus);

SUNDAY (January 18): 9 a.m. †Liudas
Krisciunas (J.Cuplinskas); 11 a.m. for
living and deceased parishioners;
†Danute Kersis (20th anniv.) (daughter
Linda); †Ona Anskis (Stanevicius family);
†Algis Vaisnoras (family); †Ona and
Zigmas Girdauskas (family); †Ona and
Stasys Nomeika and deceased family
members (daughter Zita); †Sally Pennock
(3rd anniv.) and Dr.Edvardas Puodziukas
(4th anniv.) (family); for Karasiejus'
deceased family members
(R.J.Karasiejus).

IN MEMORIAM

We bid farewell to our beloved parishioners

†**RAIMUNDAS DARZINSKAS**, 85

†**ARUNAS DULIUNAS**, 74

Blessings of the Lord for their families.

May They Rest in the Peace of Christ.

For it is in giving that we receive

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday (01.04) & "Vilnius Manor"
Collections

36 envelopes - \$ 1,130

No envelopes - \$ 105

Direct deposit - \$ 2,420

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This January 11th, open your
heart to child sponsorship.



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Chalice prayer for our parish:

*Generous Father, Your Son Jesus is
good news to the poor.*

*As his followers, may we recognize the
call to be the same. May the Holy Spirit*

*inspire the parishioners of Resurrection of Our Lord
Jesus Christ Parish to embrace the call of sponsorship to those
of Your children who are in dire need.*

Mary, Mother of the Church, please pray for us. Amen.

Chalice is coming to the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Parish! Sunday, January 11th, at the 9am and 11 am Masses,
Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization will
provide you the opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in
the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship.
These are children in extreme poverty who need your support to
excel in their education and fulfill their God-given potential.

In the church vestibule, representatives will have a support table
and, after Mass, will register parishioners who wish to become
sponsors.

Please visit chalice.ca for more information about Chalice and its
mission.

Thank you for your support.

Dear Parish Youth...

The Resurrection parish's Youth committee invites all parish
youth (aged 16-35) to help bake at least 12 large, individually
packaged cookies, dessert bars, squares or brownies for the

"Out of the Cold" dinner, which will take place on Friday
January 16th. Our goal is 100 desserts. Youth who are interested in
baking, please contact Jacintha (jacintha@primus.ca) by Sunday
January 11th to confirm participation.

Youth who volunteer will receive "Community Service" credit.

A heartfelt thank you for your time and generosity.



*On behalf of the residents and staff of the "Labdara" Nursing
Home, we sincerely thank the parishioners of the Resurrection Parish*

*for your generosity and love,
shown through the Christmas
gifts for our residents.*

*We are especially grateful for
the large number of
handwritten Christmas cards,
which warmed the hearts of
our residents and reminded
them that they are loved and
not forgotten.*

*May the Infant Jesus
abundantly bless each of you and reward you for your acts of kindness.*



The Resurrection Parish "Labdara" committee would like to share a Letter of Thanks with everyone...

Hello wonderful book donors,

This week I took carloads of books to three prisons, distributing all the books I got this fall. This brings the total of books donated and delivered to eight institutions over the past ten years to over 46,000! The librarians at these institutions tell me every time I come how grateful they are for the donations, and how the books will be used again and again. I've included an excerpt from a thank-you email one sent me this week. As you can see, they really appreciate the quality of the material. I'm mindful of how you all have helped in choosing and sorting what you make available to me.

I wanted to thank for the generous donation of books. The inmates have already begun reading them, and many have shared how much they appreciate having new and meaningful material available.

Several inmates mentioned that the books helped them pass time in a positive way, learn new things, and feel more connected to the world outside. Others said the stories and information gave them motivation, comfort, and a chance to think differently about their own lives. Your donation has truly added value to their daily routines. Your books have also strengthened our library collection in important ways. They brought in fresh topics, updated information, and reading choices that we did not previously have. This variety supports different learning needs and interests, and it helps us offer a richer, more supportive environment for everyone who uses the library.

We are very grateful for your kindness and hope to continue working together in the future.

Your support is making a real difference.

Attention students!

The Labdara Foundation and Lithuanian Community Association of Toronto Scholarship applications are now available to post-secondary students of Lithuanian heritage who are members of Labdara Foundation.

This year, \$11,000 will be distributed at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. For more information, please visit the Labdara Lithuanian Nursing Home website, Labdara.ca, and look under Community, Scholarships.

Applications must be received **by January 16, 2026.**

Our parish "Labdara" committee **CONTINUES** The **FOOD DRIVE** in aid of the needy in Toronto and **INVITES ALL** to participate.

NON-PERISHABLE Food may be brought and left in the box provided, at the parish door.

Thank you in advance for your kind donations.



**"Our memory is alive, because it's
a witness" January 13th –
Defenders of Freedom Day!**

Freedom – a person's first and truthful, and a whole nation's, source of good fortune and welfare. Many wars, disagreements, arguments arose and still arise because of desires to limit or even eliminate freedom. One of the greatest punishments to an individual is the loss of freedom because by losing freedom, you may say that they also lose their powers, their voice, their "I." The loss of freedom is the loss of the ability to grow and develop. Slavery not only demeans a nation's reputation, but weakens its will and spirit. The Lithuanian nation's freedom has been paid with the lives of the noblest of Lithuania's youth. Today, we bow our heads to them and in admiration of their actions, declare to the whole world: we will never be subjugated and we will defend our Nation's freedom with all of our might.

The Lithuanian nation's true resolve and dedication were shown during the events of January 13th, 1991. They required many sacrifices: about 700 persons were injured, 14 lost their lives. The latter were **Loreta Asanavičiūtė, Virginijus Druskis, Darius Gerbutavičius, Rolandas Jankauskas, Rimantas Juknevičius, Alvydas Kanapinskas, Algimantas Petras Kavoliukas, Vidas Maciulevičius, Titas Masiulis, Alvydas Matulka, Apolinaras Juozas Povilaitis, Ignas Šimulionis, Vytautas Vaitkus, Vytautas Koncevičius.**

Let us remember them in our prayers...

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Q: What is the name of the parish?

A: Resurrection; (indicating to whom the donation is addressed) or on the parish site www.prisikelimas.ca/give.

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